AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, paragraph **[0055] (i.e. lines 23-27 of page 11)**, please cancel the original paragraph and substitute the amended paragraph as set forth below.

[0055] FIG. 4 is a block diagram showing the software modules [[60]] of the management configuration module 35 of FIG. 2. The management configuration module 35 includes two main components: configuration, validation and management 60 and component-specific adapters 61. The configuration validation management 60 is composed of the following parts:

Page 13, paragraph **[0064] (i.e. lines 3-10 of page 13)**, please cancel the original paragraph and substitute the amended paragraph as set forth below.

[0064] Each module is a computer program, procedure or module written as source code in a conventional programming language, such as the C++ programming language, and is presented for execution by the CPU as object or byte code, as is known in the art. The various implementations of the source code and object and byte codes can be held on a computer-readable storage medium or embodied on a transmission medium in a carrier wave. The management system 11 ~~The accelerator system 61~~ operates in accordance with a sequence of process steps, as further described below with reference to FIG. 5.

Page 13, paragraph **[0065] (i.e. lines 11-17 of page 13)**, please cancel the original paragraph and substitute the amended paragraph as set forth below.

[0065] FIG. 5 is a flow diagram showing a method for actively managing an enterprise of configurable components 80, in accordance with the present invention. The method first initializes the management system 30 (shown in FIG. 2) (block 81), as further described below with reference to FIG. 6. The management system 11 then enters an iterative and continuous processing loop (blocks 82-88) ~~(blocks 82-78)~~, which ends when the management system 11 is terminated or shut down.